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XVII. CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY

1. The Sub-Commission considered item 16 at its 11th to 13th and 27th meetings, on 9, 10 and 19 August 1994.

2. In connection with its consideration of the item, the Sub-Commission had before it the following documents:

Report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery on its nineteenth session (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/33 and Corr.1);

Report of the Secretary-General on the Programme of Action for the Elimination of the Exploitation of Child Labour and Debt Bondage, submitted pursuant to Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/79 (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/34);

Note by the Secretariat pursuant to paragraph 3 of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/27 and paragraphs 25 and 26 of Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities resolution 1993/5 (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/41).

3. At the 11th meeting, on 9 August 1994, Mr. Maxim, the Chairman-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, introduced the report of the Working Group (E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/33 and Corr.1).

4. In the general debate on the item, statements 1/ were made by the following members of the Sub-Commission: Mr. Boutkevitch (12th), Mrs. Chavez (12th), Mr. Eide (11th), Mrs. Forero Ucros (12th), Mr. Limón Rojas (12th), Mr. Lindgren Alves (11th, 12th), Mr. Maxim (12th), Ms. Palley (11th, 13th), Ms. Warzazi (12th, 13th) and Mr. Yimer (11th).

5. Statements were made by the observers for Colombia (13th), India (13th), the Netherlands (13th), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (13th) and the Republic of Korea (13th).

6. The Sub-Commission also heard statements by the representatives of the following non-governmental organizations: Anti-Slavery International (on behalf of International Catholic Child Bureau, International Abolitionist Federation, International Federation of Social Workers, International Federation of Women Lawyers, International Federation Terre des Hommes, Soroptimist International and World Federation of Methodist Women) (12th), Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches (12th), Indian Institute

for Non-Aligned Studies (11th), International Association of Democratic Lawyers (12th), International Association of Educators for World Peace (11th), International Educational Development, Inc. (12th), International Federation of University Women (12th), International Fellowship of Reconciliation (12th), International Human Rights Association of American Minorities (12th), International League for Human Rights (13th), Liberation (11th), Pax Romana (12th) and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (12th).

7. At the 13th meeting, on 10 August 1994, Mr. Maxim, the Chairman-Rapporteur of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, made his concluding remarks.

Slavery during wartime

8. At its 27th meeting, on 19 August 1994, the Sub-Commission considered draft decision E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/L.8 sponsored by Ms. Chavez, Mrs. Daes, Mr. Eide, Mrs. Forero Ucros, Mrs. Gwanmesia, Mr. Hatano, Ms. Palley and Mr. Yimer.

9. Ms. Chavez orally revised the draft decision by deleting the words "in particular", in two places, after the words "slavery-like practices during wartime including,".

10. The draft decision was adopted, as revised, without a vote.

11. For the text of the draft resolution, see chapter II, section B, decision 1994/108.

Report of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

12. At the same meeting the Sub-Commission considered draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/L.13 sponsored by Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Eide, Mr. El-Hajjé, Mr. Guissé, Mr. Hakim, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Palley, Mr. Ramadhane, Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer. Mrs. Koufa and Mr. Lindgren Alves subsequently joined the sponsors.

13. Mr. Maxim revised the text as follows:

(a) Insert, in the second preambular paragraph, the words "alleged practice of" before the words "removal of organs".

(b) Replace, in operative paragraph 4, the words "organ transplantation" by "alleged transplantation of organs".

(c) Add, at the end of operative paragraph 7, the phrase "and requests that international cooperation be extended to developing countries for establishing and implementing such programmes".

(d) Add, in operative paragraph 8, after the words "non-governmental organizations", the phrase "including scientific and medical associations".

(e) Delete, in operative paragraph 9, the words "in depth" after the word "matter", and the words "in particular" after "session and".

(f) Add, in operative paragraph 9, after the word "drafting", the phrase "with the cooperation of the World Health Organization".

(g) Replace, in operative paragraph 18, the word "restrict" with "prohibit", and add, after the word "project", the phrase "with the cooperation and financial contribution of the tourist industry".

(h) Insert, after operative paragraph 18, a new paragraph 19 to read as follows: "Recommends that Governments adopt legislation to punish their citizens who make use of sex tourism, particularly when it involves child prostitution and child pornography;", and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

(i) Insert, in new operative paragraph 21, after the word "States", "non-governmental organizations, tourist industry syndicates, religious leaders and grass-roots organizations".

(j) Delete, in new operative paragraph 26, the words "inside the family".

14. Ms. Warzazi orally revised new operative paragraph 19 by deleting the word "particularly".

15. Upon the proposal of Mrs. Attah, supported by Ms. Ferriol Echevarría, Mrs. Gwanmesia and Mr. Lindgren Alves, the words, in operative paragraph 7, "to developing countries" were deleted.

16. Statements in connection with the draft resolution, revisions and amendments were made by Mrs. Attah, Ms. Ferriol Echevarría, Mrs. Gwanmesia, Mr. Lindgren Alves, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Palley and Ms. Warzazi.

17. A statement on the estimate of the programme budget implications of the draft resolution was made by a representative of the Secretary-General, in accordance with rule 28 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

18. The draft resolution, as revised and amended, was adopted without a vote.

19. For the text of the draft resolution, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1994/5.

United Nations Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery

20. At the same meeting, the Sub-Commission considered draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/L.14 sponsored by Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Eide, Mr. Guissé, Mr. Hakim, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Palley, Mr. Ramadhane, Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer.

21. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

22. For the text of the draft resolution, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1994/6.

Machinery for monitoring the international conventions on slavery

23. At the same meeting, the Sub-Commission considered draft resolution E/CN.4/Sub.2/1994/L.15 sponsored by Mr. Alfonso Martínez, Mr. Eide, Mr. El-Hajjé, Mr. Guissé, Mr. Hakim, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Palley, Mr. Ramadhane, Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer.

24. The draft resolution was adopted without a vote.

25. For the text of the draft resolution, see chapter II, section A, resolution 1994/7.

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